

**Weare Open Space Committee
Minutes
May 26, 2009
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In attendance were George Malette, Ian McSweeney, and Steve Najjar

Steve brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes review: The Committee reviewed the minutes of March 2009. George made motion to accept these minutes, and Ian 2nd. George and Steve voted in the affirmative to approve, Ian abstained and the motion carried to finalize these minutes.

Hawkes property status: Steve updated group on progress toward closing on the +/- 30 acre easement. Waiting for Shawn and PLC to finalize deeds, easement and plans before review by town attorney and closing.

Open space plan: Ian will contact SNHPC to discuss the availability of grants and obtain a proposal from them to facilitate a plan update.

PLC projects in town: Discussed the Pope Easement progress. OSC decided contacting PLC to get status and need for funding.

- OSC will also ask PLC about any other planned land protection projects in Weare.

Funding and Current Use Change Tax: Discussion centered on continued questions about how Weare bills the current use change assessment. It is unclear what the level of billing is that goes out to landowners each year vs. the actual amount deposited in the Conservation Account. Members decided it would be good to contact Judy and Diane with questions and contact SPNHF about recent developments in case law related to current use.

Other landowner contact status: Ian was planning to speak with a landowner (Boudreau) in the Ferrin Pond area about selling or protecting their land.

George made motion to end the meeting, and Ian 2nd. All voted in favor of adjournment, and with no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Duly Recorded As a True Record,

Stephen Najjar

cc: Town Clerk
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WCC file